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Mr. Sergent Shriver
Rockville, Md.

Dear Mr. Shriver,

Often in the two months since your acknolwedgement of receipt of my book WHITEWASH: THE REPORT ON THE WARREN REPORT, I have felt like writing to express the hope that you would personally have a chance to examine it closely. Many things have happened since then that perhaps indicate to you what I was so impelled. I did not only because I think I can feel some of what the family of the late President might be experiencing.

I have sent copies to other members of the family and to several havex made additional offers that can in no way benefit me.

Since then I have completed the rough draft of a sequel. I have not finally decided on the title. It may be WHITEWASH II with either of two subtitles, "The Hands On The Brush" or "Who Did It". It goes forward from the content of WHITEWASH and does tell how the whitewashing of the investigation came about - who did do it. I think it is perhaps more shocking than the first book.

From the first I have been apprehensive of the potential of the Manchester book if it makes a single major misstatement of fact, especially because of its sponsorship. I have offered to make my material available, including to Harper's, with no restriction save the preservationx of my rights. I now have no doubt about the error of the Manchester book from what I have read in his interviews, from the Introduction, which has been published, and from what I have been told by those who have seen it. Hence I am more concerned about its potential for hurt.

I think you can readily realize that there is only jeopardy to me in making this offer, but I do, on a confidential basis. You or anyone in whom you have confidence and whose mind is not fixed may have access to the draft of the new book and the extensive documentation behind it. I think some of the family should know its contents. I address you because I think you know enough about me to be willing to consider that my motives are honorable. I also think I have knowledge and understanding of this subject equally by few and perhaps in some aspects by none.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg